

COURSE: Prescribed Fire Planning and Implementation

TOPIC: Smoke Management (Unit 5A)

LESSON A: Legislative and Legal Considerations

SUGGESTED TIME: 30 Minutes

TRAINING AIDS NEEDED: Projector for showing powerpoint presentations, overhead projector (optional), flip chart, pens, view graphs (optional)

INSTRUCTOR NOTES:

There is considerable material to cover in this unit. Some of it requires only review, while the rest is new information. The instructor needs to be innovative, limiting the amount of lecture time. Keep it interactive! Ask students to describe how their prescribed fire programs have been affected by State and local air resource agencies.

Unit 5A is an introduction and overview of smoke, the pollutant and problem. Students are briefly exposed to the current legislation regarding smoke emissions, the legal ramifications of not managing these emissions, and the impact of smoke on firefighters. Unit 5B is designed to supplement 5A with "hands-on" techniques for mitigating smoke impacts.

Collectively, these two lessons provide students with a brief overview of smoke management and exposure to a tool that, at a minimum, will help them to manage visibility impacts of smoke. Students managing complex prescribed fire programs or those with significant smoke management concerns should be encouraged to attend RX-450 (Smoke Management Techniques) for additional and more intense training.

Instructor: Please check out the current information posted on the following web site:

<http://fire.r9.fws.gov/ifcc/smoke/index.htm>